I	2	3	4
		5. Yatri Niwas at Sonprayag (1998-99)	25.00
		6. Yatri Niwas at Saravasti (1998-99)	25.00
		7. Yatri Niwas at Vrindavan (1999-2000)	40.00
15. Chandigarh		1. Yatri Niwas at Chandigarh (1998-99)	40.00
16. Pondichcrry		1. Upgradation of Yatri Niwas at Pondichern (1999-2000)	' 10.50
	Total	41 projects	1689.57

Beautification of Qutab Minar

4129. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have some new proposals to further beautify Qutab Minar and make it more visitor-friendly;

(b) if so. the details thereof:

(c) whether Archaeological Survey of India has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Indian Oil Corporation in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details of MoU indicating *inter-alia* the expenditure to be incurred thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANA NTH KUMAR) : (a) to (d) The Archaeological Survey of India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Indian Oil Corporation under the aegis of the National Culture Fund for developing the surroundings of, and providing tourist related amenities at the Qutab Minar. These include providing improved signages, toilets, an interpretation centre, and conservation of the monuments comprising the Qutab complex and developing the environment. The Indian Oil Corporation has set up the Indian Oil Foundation, with a corpus of Rs.25 crores to which Rs 10 crore will be donated annually to enforce the provisions of the Memorandum. Funds will be released annually by the Indian Oil Foundation as per approved programmes for the monument.